(b) Applications for new projects for sugar factories will be examined and cleared in accordance with the fresh guidelines.

(c) Does not arise.

News item captioned "Sahakarita—Yani Mil Baant Kar Khao"

*118. DR. SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item captioned "Sahakarita—Yani Mil Baant Kar Khao" which appeared in the 'Jansatta' of April 8, 1986; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The News Item refers to amassing of property worth Rs. 10 crores by the President, National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Ltd., his ineligibility to become Director of the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Ltd., smuggling of 10,000 MT. of permal rice valued at Rs. 4 crores from Kakinada Port, bungling of 5,000 MT. of rice valued at Rs. 1·64 crores, allegation against certain officers of N.C.C.F. for their alleged involvement in corrupt practices and hiring of accommodation in Bombay with some ulterior motives.

So far as the allegation against the President, N.C.C.F. regarding amassing of huge property is concerned, action has been taken by the Government. Shri Tapeshwar Singh, according to the provisions of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984, is not disqualified to become Director and contest election for the post of President for the second term after the existing term. N.C.C.F. has informed that a private party has unauthorisedly exported about 9300 MT. of rice using the name of N.C.C.F. A criminal case has been filed by the N.C.C.F. in the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bombay against the party involved. N.C.C.F. has informed that a stock worth Rs. 1·65 crores was damaged in 1980-81 at Kerala Port due to cyclone. N.C.C.F. took up the matter with the Insurance Company for settling a claim of damage suffered by them but the Insurance Company did not agree to settle the claim. N.C.C.F. has filed a suit in the Delhi High Court against the Insurance Company. N.C.C.F. has reported that they have initiated investigation and disciplinary action against officers whose names are figuring in the news item. In regard to purchase of premises at Bombay, the Government has advised the N.C.C.F. not to vacate the existing premises and acquire new accommodation.

Impact of fall in international prices of oil on budgetary expenditure

*119. SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the cut in the Budgetary expenditure in the current financial year due to the fall in international prices of oil; and

(b) what will be its impact on inflation and on the general economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) POL imports are not financed by budgetary resources. A fall in the international prices of POL will, therefore, have no direct impact on budgetary expenditures.

Since we are an oil importing country, the overall impact of a fall in the international prices of POL on the economy will be positive. As prices of POL products are administered, there is no direct immediate impact on inflation because of fall in international prices.

आयकर, उत्पाद शुल्क और सीमा शुल्क अधिकारियों के घरों की तलाशियां

*120. **श्री हुकमदेव नारायण यादव :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान आयकर, उत्पाद शुल्क और सीमा शुल्क तथा केन्द्रीय राजस्व विभाग के अन्य कितने अधिकारियों के घरों की तलाशियां ली गई और इन तलाशियों के दौरान कुल कितने रुपये की सम्पत्ति तथा कीमती धातु पकड़े गए; और

(ख) ऐसे व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है जिनके घरों से विदेशी सामान पकड़ा गया तथा पकड़े गए सामान का मूल्य कितना है और ऐसे व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है जिनके घरों से अपराध आरोपणीय दस्तावेज पकड़े गए ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) और (ख) आयकर विभाग, उत्पादन शुल्क तथा सीमा शुल्क विभाग के साथ-साथ राजस्व विभाग के जिन अधिकारियों के मकानों की तलाशियां पिछले तीन वर्षों अर्थात् 1983 से 1985 तक तथा 31-3-86 तक की अवधि के दौरान ली गई थीं उनकी संख्या 93 है । इन तलाशियों के दौरान विदेशी सामान सहित 143 35 लाख रुपये के कुल मूल्य की चल और अचल सम्पत्ति का पता चला है । 78 अधिकारियों के निवास स्थानों से अपराध आरोपणीय दस्तावेज बरामद हुए थे ।

Surface accidents in coal mines

@567. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that surface accidents in open cast coal mines are increasing; and

(b) if so what steps Government proposed to take to prevent the accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected.

Assistance given by IRCI to sick industrial units

568. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of assistance given during the last financial year by the Industrial Reconstruction Corporation of India to revive sick industrial units in the country; and

(b) what is the number of such units, State-wise alongwith the amount disbursed during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Industrial Reconstruction Corporation of India has been converted into Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI). IRBI is reported to have disbursed an amount of Rs. 39.75 crores (Provisional) during 1985-86 to revive sick industrial units in the country.

(b) Statement giving the requisite information is given below.

@Previously Unstarred Question 70 transferred from the 21st April, 1986.